GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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ACADEMIC EXCHANGE PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have issued some guidelines to the Universities restricting them to have academic exchange programmes with foreign universities, holding seminars, conferences, workshops and research proramme etc; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINIS OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) and (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) and (b) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO REGARDING ACADEMIC EXCHANGE PROGRAMME BY SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL

(a) & (b): Guidelines have been issued by the Cabinet Secretariat in December 1999 regarding clearance for study/research schemes involving foreigners/foreign collaboration from security/sensitivity angle and by the Ministry of Home Affairs in September 2000 regarding security clearance for holding international conferences/ seminars/workshops etc. in India. The guidelines which have been issued by the Ministry of Human Resource Development on 31st January 2003 relate to the procedure to be observedby Central Universities to enter into an MoU with foreign universities/institutions with prior clearance from Ministry of Human Resource Development. Similarly, guidelines have been issued to State Universities and Deemed Universities permitting them to enter into an MoU with foreign University/Institutions with prior clearance from State Governments and University Grants Commissionrespectively. These guidelines have been issued keeping security/sensitivity angle in mind.